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SANTO DOMINGO FOR RMO-DR. BEAHLER

SUBJECT: REPORT OF TYPHOID INCIDENT
SUMMARY: MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS REPORTED DEATH OF A
JAMAICAN FROM TYPHOID MARCH 25. ALSO NINE OR TEN PERSONS
ARE ILL WITH SIMILAR SYMPTOMS, SIX OF WHOM ARE HOSPITALIZED.
DISEASE ISOLATED IN ONE AREA AND MINISTRY HAS INITIATED
HIGH INTENSITY INNOCULATION PROGRAM. WE ARE ENCOURAGING
EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO BRING TYPHOID SHOTS UP TO DATE.
WITHOUT BEING IN ANY WAY ALARMEST, WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT
ADVISE OFFICIAL TRAVELERS TO KINGSTON TO DO THE SAME.
THIS CAUTION IS NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY FOR NORTH COAST
TOURIST AREAS. GOJ HAS REPORTED MATTER TO PAHO AND
CARIBBEAN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIS AND IS TAKING
ADEQUATE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL DANGERS. WE
REPEAT, THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR GENERAL ALARM. END SUMMARY.

1. CASES OCCURRED IN RAE TOWN WHICH IS A SMALL WATERFRONT
SUB-COMMUNITY WITHIN OLD KINGSTON. IT IS A BLIGHTED AREA,
FREQUENTED BY INTERNATIONAL TRANSIENTS FROM SMALL FREIGHTERS
STOPPING OVER FOR LOADING/OFF LOADING AT KINGSTON.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S
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CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, DR. WYNANTE PATTERSON, THAT
REFERENCED OUTBREAK HAS THUS FAR BEEN LIMITED TO ONE
CONFIRMED CASE OF TYPHOID, A NINETEEN YEAR OLD YOUTH
WHO DIED. AN ADDITIONAL NINE/TEN PERSONS ARE ILL WITH
SIMILARR SYMPTOMS, SIX OF WHOM ARE HOSPITALIZED. ALL,
INCLUDING THE ONE VICTIM, ARE MEMBERS OF A GEOGRAPHICALLY
TRANSIENT EXTENDED FAMILY LIVING IN RAE TOWN.

3. MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE IN FOURTH DAY OF HIGH INTENSITY
INNOCULATION PROGRAM, FOCUSED ON THE RAE TOWN AREA TO
PREVENT ANY FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DISEASE.

4. PATTERSON SAYS THAT EXTENSIVE TESTS CONDUCTED BY
PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES INDICATE THE PRESENT SITUATION

APPEARS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE WATERBORNE IN NATURE. THERE
HAS BEEN ZERO ISOLATION OF SALMONELLA BACILLI FROM
EXTENSIVE WATER SUPPLY TESTING CONDUCTED THROUGH TUESDAY
AFTERNOON, APRIL 11.

5. SHE HAS PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED. SHE HAS ALSO
ADVISED US THAT VALID VACCINE IS ON HAND TO INNOCULATE
ENTIRE POPULATION.
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